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## SEVEN SNAILS LISTED AS ENDANGERED OR THREATENED

Seven Eastern United States land snails have been listed as either endangered or threatened species by the Interior Department's U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

The notice of this action was published in the July 3, 1978, Federal Register. Five snails are listed as threatened and two as endangered.

The snails occur one each in the seven States of Florida, Iowa, New York, North Carolina, Tennessee, Virginia, and West Virginia.

The snails were all proposed for listing on April 28, 1976, as a result of contract studies done for the Service by the Chicago Field Museum of Natural History.

An environmental impact assessment was prepared on this final action. It was the basis for a conclusion that no environmental impact statement is necessary.

The species, their native States, and respective classifications are:

1. Painted snake-coiled forest snail of Tennessee (threatened).
2. Iowa Pleistocene snail of Iowa (endangered).
3. Noonday snail of North Carolina (threatened).
4. Stock Island tree snail of Florida (threatened).
5. Virginia fringed mountain snail, Virginia population (endangered).
6. Chittenango ovate amber snail, New York population (threatened).
7. Flat-spined three-toothed land snail of West Virginia (threatened).

Two species are being listed as endangered because they are restricted to a very small area or occur in small numbers and are in immediate danger of extinction throughout their range.

The five others are being listed as threatened because they occur over a wider range or in larger numbers and are likely to become endangered in the foreseeable future.

All prohibitions of the Endangered Species Act of 1973 apply to these species. These include restrictions on taking, exportation, and transportation or sale in interstate or foreign commerce. Permits are available under the Act for specific scientific purposes or to enhance the propagation or survival of the species.

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